



NEWS RELEASE

07-076

Today's Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2007
District: 1 - Eureka
Contact: Julie East
Phone: (707) 441-3998

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR ROUTE 101 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT RICHARDSON GROVE

Eureka - Caltrans announced today that a public meeting will be held on the Richardson Grove Route 101 Operational Improvement Project. The purpose of this public meeting is to provide information on a project to modify the existing alignment to accommodate industry standard (STAA) trucks and improve safety.

The meeting will be at the Benbow Valley RV Resort in Village Hall on Wednesday, September 26, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The meeting will be drop-in style. There will be no formal presentations. There will be displays about the project and Caltrans staff present to answer questions.

Currently, environmental studies for the project are underway. A draft environmental document is expected to be complete by November 2007. Another public meeting will be held at that time.

Tighter than normal turns on Route 101, particularly at Richardson Grove, prevent industry standard (STAA) trucks from accessing Humboldt County. By realigning Route 101, these larger trucks will be allowed to travel through Richardson Grove next year, improving the north coast economy.

Caltrans worked with stakeholders, including environmental and industry groups, to find common ground on a plan that will improve goods movement along the north coast while protecting Richardson Grove's natural resources. This realignment plan will open Richardson Grove to larger trucks without impacting old growth redwood.

The Benbow Valley RV Resort is located at 7000 Benbow Drive. From Route 101, about 2.5 miles south of the town of Garberville, take the Benbow Exit/Exit 636. Turn





NEWS RELEASE

east onto Lake Benbow Drive. Turn north on Benbow Drive. Turn into the RV Resort parking lot and proceed to Village Hall.

###

